

ATTENTION MASSHEALTH MEMBERS

Copay Rules effective July 1, 2021

You do not have to pay a MassHealth copay for any drug covered by MassHealth if:

- Your income is at or below 50% of the federal poverty level,
- You are eligible for MassHealth because you are receiving certain public assistance benefits such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC), or services through the Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) Program,
- You are under 21 years old,
- You are pregnant or your pregnancy ended within the last 3 calendar months,
- You are getting benefits under MassHealth Limited (emergency MassHealth),
- You are a member with MassHealth Senior Buy-In or MassHealth Standard, and you are getting a drug that is covered under Medicare Parts A and B only,
- You are in a nursing facility, chronic-disease or rehabilitation hospital, or intermediate-care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities,
- You are getting hospice services,
- You were a foster care child, and you are eligible for MassHealth Standard, until age 21 or 26 as specified by 130 CMR 505.002(H),
- You are American Indian or an Alaska Native, or
- You are in another exempt category (see 130 CMR 506.015 or 130 CMR 520.037).

Also, for ALL MassHealth members, you will not have to pay a MassHealth copay for:

- Drugs used for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment, such as Medication-Assisted Therapy (MAT) (for example, Suboxone or Vivitrol),
- Certain preventive drugs such as low-dose aspirin for heart conditions, drugs to prevent HIV, and drugs used to prepare for a colonoscopy,
- Certain vaccines and their administration,
- Family planning drugs or supplies, such as oral contraceptives (birth control pills),
- Drugs to help you stop smoking,
- Emergency services, or
- Provider preventable services.

Effective July 1, 2021, copays will be no more than 2% of monthly income per month. You will not be charged more than \$250 per calendar year in pharmacy copays for the duration of the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. This updated copay policy applies to members in MassHealth Standard, CarePlus, Family Assistance, and CommonHealth. Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) members and any drugs that are charged through Health Safety Net (HSN) will continue to be subject to the \$250 annual pharmacy copay cap.

If your pharmacist charges you a copay and you think you meet one of the exclusions, be sure to tell your pharmacist.

The pharmacy copay rules are the same for members enrolled in MassHealth managed care organizations (MCOs) and accountable care organizations (ACOs). There are no copays to members enrolled in One Care, Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and Senior Care Options (SCO) plans.

If you have questions about the copay policy **or need to report changes** like a change in your income or other circumstances, call MassHealth Customer Service Center (CSC) at **(800) 841-2900**, TTY: **(800) 497-4648** for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled.

